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CHIEF STAFF LAMIZANA'S DECLARATION ASSUMPTION POWER AS CHIEF STATE REFTEL CONFIRMED LATER EVENING IN RADIO BROADCAST. WAS REPEATED MORNING JAN 4 WITH APPEAL TO ALL AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY CONTINUE NORMALLY AND MAINTAIN ORDER.

SITUATION SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN THIS MORNING. LAMIZANA'S EVENING RADIO BROADCAST WAS FOLLOWED BY YAMEOGO STATEMENT RECOGNIZING

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IN VERY GENERAL TERMS CHANGE OF GOVT BUT ASSOCIATING CHIEF STAFF LAMIZANA WITH PAST POLICIES AS IN INTEREST COUNTRY AND NOT DEFINITIVELY STEPPING OUT OF PICTURE.

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DESPITE LAMIZANA RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT ALL SHOULD RETURN WORK, LARGE CROWD, PERHAPS 5-6,000, REMAINED ASSEMBLED DURING EARLY MORNING IN CENTER TOWN AWAITING ASSURANCE NEW GOVT ESTABLISHED. JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO, LEADER CHRISTIAN UNION AND LONG-TIME POLITICAL OPPONENT YAMEOGO, MADE DRAMATIC APPEARANCE BEFORE CROWD AT 1000 AND RECEIVED WILDLY ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION. HE HAS LED CROWD TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE TO OBTAIN YAMEOGO'S PUBLIC WRITTEN RESIGNATION. YAMEOGO'S AIDE DE CAMP, LH. SOME, REPORTS MEETING NOW IN PROGRESS.

JOSEPH OUEDRAOGT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL OTHER UNION LEADERS INCDING BRUNO ILBOUDO, YOUNG LIBERAL, INTERNATIMNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY OF UNION SYNDICAL DES TRAVAILLEURS VOLTAIQUES (USTV), WHOSE MEETING TOUCHED OFF COUP. ALI LANKOUANDE ALSO AOONG UNIONISTS SUPPORTING OUEDRAOGO. IS PHYSICS PROFESSOR, 1963 US LEADE APARANTEE, AND PRESIDENT INFLUENTIAL TEACHERS UNION WHICH AFFILIUTED WITH USTV.

NO GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. OUEDRAOGO'S APPEARANCE IS FIRST

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CLEAR CIVILIAN POLITICAL INITIATIVE. ARMY REMAINED PASSIVE DURING OUEDRAOGO'S ADDRESS BUT ATTITUDE LAMIZANA NOT KNOWN.

NO ONE HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY AND I WILL CONTINUE AVOID CONTACTS.

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